Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

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February 2013

Happy Valentine's Day!

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, E.D. & Leona Brown, Ruthie & Wayne Dennis, Carl Geiger, Guy & Jan Gifford, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Gary Hufford, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, and Scott McGaha,

Call To Order: The meeting convened at 7:00 PM, January 10, 2013 at the MCL Cafeteria, Brett Andrews presiding.

DISCUSSION:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa presented the beginning of the year Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

Christmas Dinner: The meeting began with highlights from the club's 2012 Christmas Dinner on December 13th. All who were in attendance indicated they had a great time at the Milton Club. We had eighteen of our members participate in the dinner which began with a social hour of lively conversation followed by a tasty dinner. A special thank you was given to Nancy Blake for her gift of a hand-made Christmas ornament that she gave to each of the ladies in attendance. She has been making these gifts for many years and indicated she has already started on the ones for next Christmas. We missed those of you who were unable to attend. Our club website has been updated to include the Christmas dinner photos,

Club Dues: Members were reminded that per club bylaws, TSWO dues were due today. It was further explained that the bylaws allow for a grace period of 60 days. We're using our March 14th club meeting date as the end of the grace period. It was noted that unless there are extenuating circumstances or alternate arrangements have been made, members whose dues have not been paid by the end of the grace period are subject to the loss of club membership.

VTCI Dues: Members were reminded for the final time that VTCI dues were also due in January and that our TSWO bylaws require that TSWO members must also be a member of VTCI.

Renewal of TSWO Website Development Software: Brett mentioned that as was agreed to at the November 2012 meeting, he has renewed our Weebly Website Development Software lease for an additional two years. It was also noted that a parts supplier section was added to our website based on a suggestion from Gary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Planning Committee: Prior to the start of the January meeting, the 2013 Event Planning Committee meet to discuss the combined results of the survey our membership recently completed in which they provided suggestions for possible club activities for the upcoming year. The floor was turned over to Beverly, the committee chair, to discuss the results of their meeting. The following is a tentative list of events, some with suggested dates, that have been proposed by the committee for consideration.

March 16th:	**Grandpa's Garage, Springfield**
April 20th:	**Bowling Outing**
May:	**Covered Bridge Cruise**
June 23rd or 30th:	**Club Picnic**
July:	**Middletown Balloon Festival and Car Show**
August & September:	**Selected Car Shows or Cruise-ins**
October:	**Halloween in the Park, Bellbrook**
December:	**Club Christmas Dinner**

At the February club meeting we will discuss the above list of events and, as a minimum, finalize the date and time we'll be going to Grandpa's Garage in March.

Possible Guest Speaker at February Meeting: Brett indicated he had met Ed LaPrath, Director of Operations for Showroom Polishing, and had a short discussion with him on the proper way and materials to use to polish a car. There were several variables that our membership may find interesting. Brett will approach Mr. LaPrath to discuss the possibility of him speaking to the club at our February meeting. (See the "Follow-Up" notes on page 3)

Potential New Member: It was pointed out that Gary had been talking up the club while at swap meet and his efforts may have paid off. While at the Columbus Swap meet, he met Mr. Dave Boley, owner of a 63 T-bird, and gave him information about the club. Brett subsequently had a few e-mail exchanges with Mr. Boley about the club and Mr. Boley indicated he intended to join the club. As of this meeting Brett had not received Mr. Boley's membership application. (See the "Follow Up" notes on page 3)

TSWO Membership/Bellbrook Car Show: It was reported to the membership that Ken and Penny Shanley are no longer members of our club. They both did so much for this club and will be greatly missed. As most members knew, there had been some differences of opinion with a few members which lead to their departure from the club. We really don't want to lose any more. As a reminder, two of the stated purposes of our club is (1) to preserve and enjoy all years of the Ford Thunderbird automobiles, and (2) to promote interest in the hobby. The key to accomplishing all our club purposes is to have fun doing it. It becomes fun when we agree to work together and are willing to compromise.

Members were reminded that Ken was our liaison with the Lions Club for the Bellbrook Car Show. With Ken's departure from the club, the possibility exists our club may not be asked to do the Bellbrook Car Show in the future. Brett indicated he would contact the Lions Club point of contact for the car show to ask if they will want us to host the event this August.

ADJOURN: At the conclusion of all discussion, Brett called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Guy Gifford and seconded by Nancy Blake. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Brett Andrews
President

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

February

9th : E.D. Brown
11th: Peg Andrews
25th: Diana Cowden
26th: Jim Griswold

If you haven't been asked for the date of your special day, please provide the day and month to our club secretary, Peg Andrews, at 237-1131 or e-mail her at pegasus@woh.rr.com

FOLLOW-UP NOTES:

Guest Speaker at February Meeting: Mr. Ed LaPrath and Mr. Dave Givens of "Showroom Polishing" in Huber Heights will be joining us at our February meeting where they will talk with how to polish your classic car.

Potential New Member: Mr. Dave Boley's membership application and dues for 2013 has been received and we now have a new member in our club. Welcome Dave. Hope to see you at an event in the near future.

February 2nd: Groundhog Day

If you can't get to Punxsutawney, Pa to see Phil, just step outside on the 2nd and look for your shadow. It will probably be just as accurate.

Upcoming Club Events

Event	Date(s)	Location
1. Visit to Grandpa's Garage	March 16th (tentative)	Springfield, Ohio

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Gary found and forwarded this information. We thought you may find it interesting.

Penetrating Oils

Machinist's Workshop magazine recently published some information on various penetrating oils that I found very interesting. Some of you might appreciate this. The magazine reports they tested penetrates for break out torque on rusted nuts.

They are below, as forwarded by an ex-student and professional machinist. They arranged a subjective test of all the popular penetrates with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment.

Penetrating oil	Average torque load to loosen
No Oil used	516 pounds
WD-40.	238 pounds
PB Blaster	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench	127 pounds
Kano Kroil	106 pounds
#ATF-Acetone mix	53 pounds

(*ATF=Automatic Transmission Fluid)

The ATF-Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50 - 50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test.

Our local machinist group mixed up a batch and we all now use it with equally good results.
Note also that "Liquid Wrench" is almost as good as "Kroil" for about 20% of the price.

Steve from Godwin-Singer says that ATF-Acetone mix is best, but you can also use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50-50 mix.